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Dear Mr. Zaghmout:

This is in response to your letter received 07 December 2004 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/505,446 filed 01 September 2004. The application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office Action will soon be issued. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Catherine Short, Manager of the U.S. Designated/Elected Office at telephone number (703) 308-9140, Extension 220.

Sincerely,

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